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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC § 121

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the
Invention I with claims 1 - 8 and 10 - 18 drawn to a pelletizing dye.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement, especially between Inventions I and II. Applicant notes that the apparatus of claim 8, and the method of claim 9, have many features in common so that a single search would be beneficial. Further, the close relationship between the method and the apparatus are such that the apparatus, especially the apparatus of claim 8, cannot be used to practice a materially different process.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by

telephone to discuss possible changes.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted
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